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Ray D. Odom  
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**REMARKS**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's careful review of the application and his determination that the claimed invention is patentable.

In view of the amendments and the remarks presented herein, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance and requests such action at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

If the further prosecution can be facilitated through a telephone conference between the Examiner and the undersigned, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



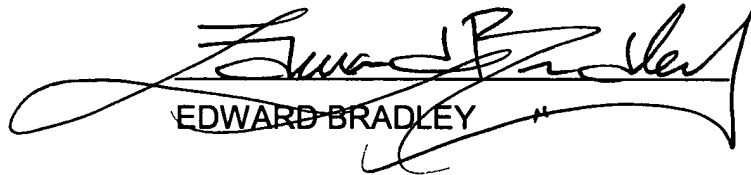
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